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of lives and property were politically motivated.

"Private revenge and organized crime still contribute substantially to the bombings which occur in this nation," he said. "But what we are concerned about today is the politically motivated bombings."

O'Brien and Turner called for strong federal laws governing the sale and use of explosives, a move strongly supported by the explosives industry and by Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), chairman of the Senate investigations subcommittee which is conducting hearings on the nationwide wave of bombings.

Munitions Theft

O'Brien expressed concern over the theft of huge amounts of explosives and weapons from military installations. He said California currently is investigating the theft of an undetermined amount of war materials from Vietnam-bound shipments at Oakland and Port Chicago.

During the past weekend, he said, two partial cases of dynamite were stolen from the the Presidio at San Francisco.

Some of the dynamite had been turned over to the Army by a minister who got it from a parishioner in "an act of conscience," he said.

O'Brien also cited the theft of 70 tons of munitions from Ft. Cronkhite last November and the theft of a smaller quantity of explosives and weapons from Ft. Ord.

He said he found it "astonishing" that military officials were unaware of many of the thefts until after the goods had been seized or bought by undercover agents in state investigations.

McLellan, calling the thefts from military bases "greatly disturbing," directed the subcommittee staff to make an immediate inquiry into security measures at the installations.